

# Sensor Web Experiments

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# Goals, Objectives, Benefits

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- Experiment with various triggering scenarios to create collaborative image collections between a set of ad hoc satellites
  - Create an “ad hoc” constellation via information systems
  - Facilitate future cost effective constellation by reusing existing assets in “ad hoc” constellations

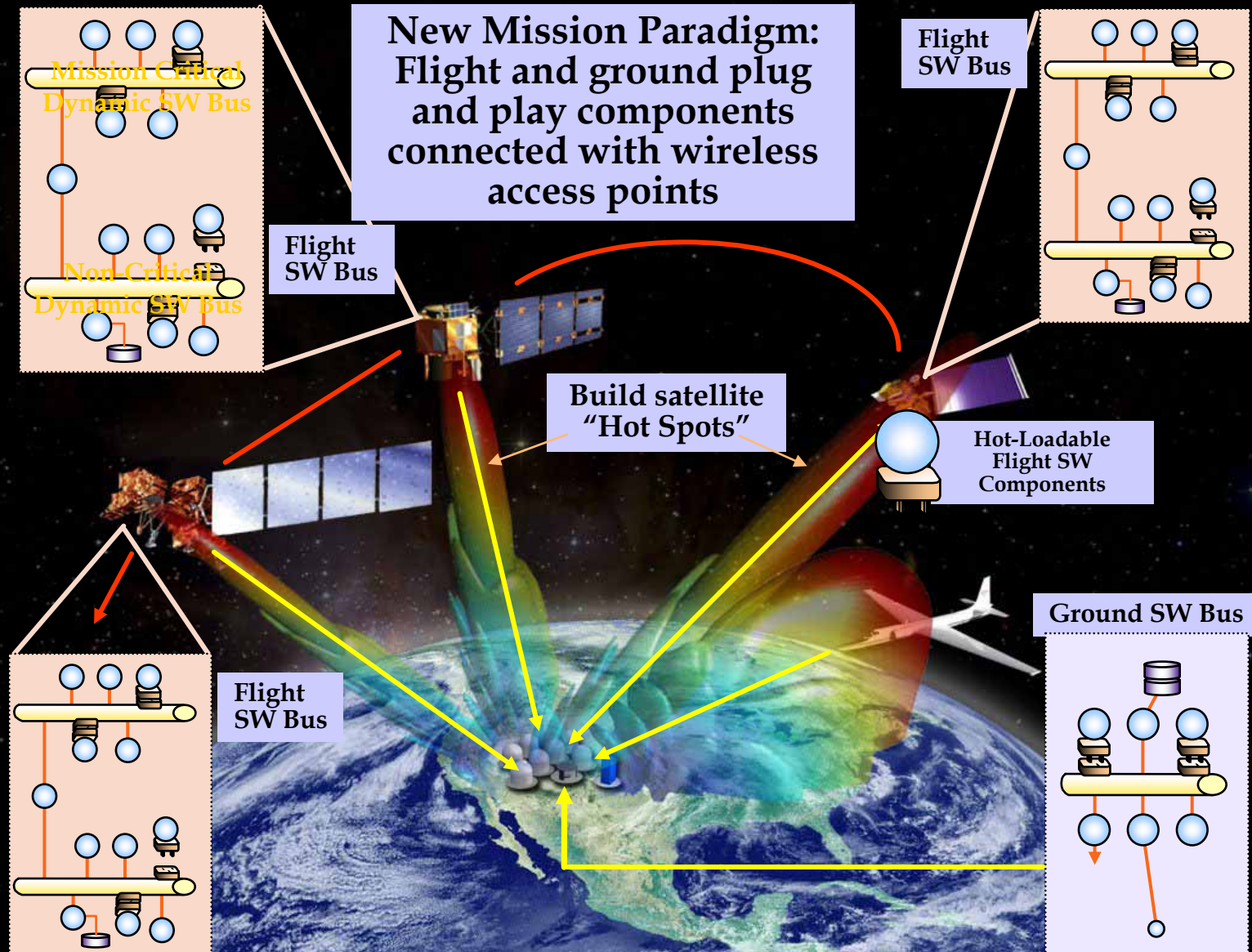


# Introduction

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- Linked space and ground based instruments
  - Create interoperability between dissimilar assets to create a temporary virtual constellation – create Internet-like architecture
  - Image transient science events
  - Use various triggers
    - Events
    - Predictive models
- Fuse dissimilar data into composite image - different pixel sizes, spectral bands etc.
- Applications
  - Wild fires
    - Tracking, burn area rehabilitation, predicting fire path via fuel maps/weather
  - Volcanoes
  - Floods
  - Dust storms
  - Ice break up

# Vision to for Future Sensor Webs



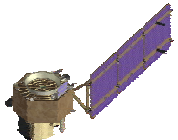
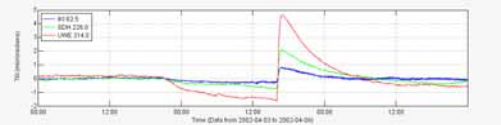


# EO-1 Sensor Web Conducted Thus Far

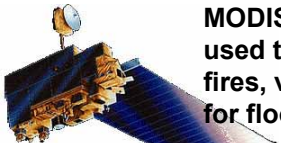


**Volcano Tilt meters,  
Kilauea, Mauna Loa**

•USGS Hawaii  
volcano observatory



EO-1 responds to triggers  
and has onboard triggers  
for snow, water, ice, land,  
thermal and clouds



MODIS (Terra and Aqua)  
used to detect hot spots for  
fires, volcanoes. Also, used  
for flood detection

•MODVOC (Univ. of Hawaii)

•RapidFire(Univ. of Md.)

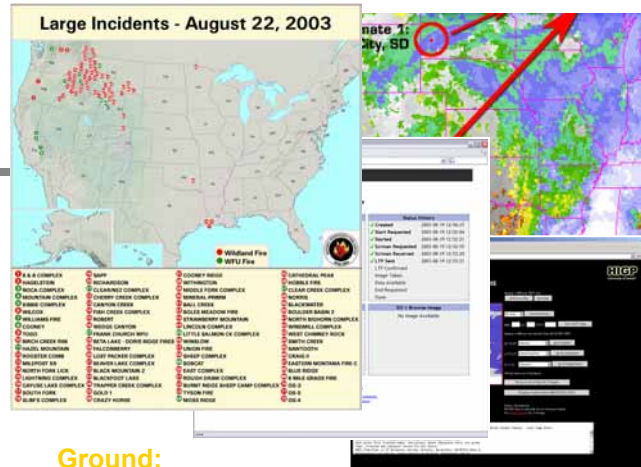
•Dartmouth Flood  
Observatory



GOES used for cloud  
screening near real-time

## Triggers

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## Ground:

MOPSS: Mission Operations Planning  
and Scheduling System(GSFC)

SGM: Science Goal monitor(GSFC)

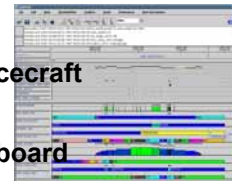
ASPEN: Planning & scheduling (JPL)

EPOS: Earth Phenomena Observing  
System - Cloud screening (Draper)

## On-board:

ASE: Autonomous Sciencecraft  
Experiment (JPL)

Livingstone (Ames) – Onboard  
diagnostic tool

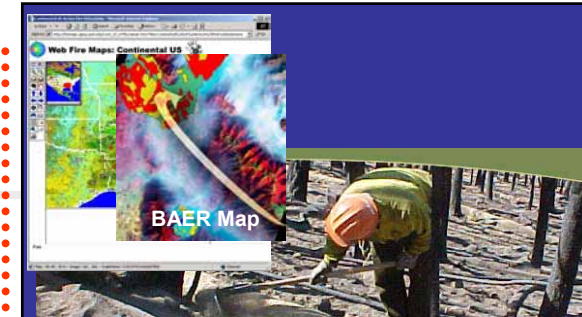


## Communication infrastructure:

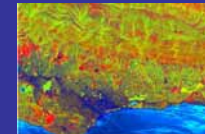
Cellular based architecture for  
spacecraft using phased array antennas  
(GSFC,GRC,Ga Tech, Univ. of Colorado)

## Onboard & Ground Tools

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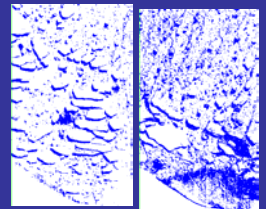
## Fire rehabilitation



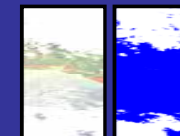
Fuel map to  
predict fire  
spread

Volcano  
eruption  
detection &  
assessment

Flood assessment



Ice breakup  
change detection



Cloud screening

Uses

# End product of experiment

## Detection and Tasking



Use National Inter-agency Fire Center (NIS200) database to identify national priority fires.



Transmit priority and NIS200 Active Fire detections from Terra and Aqua.



Automatically task EO-1 to acquire image data.



## Data Processing

Downlink data

Perform Level 0 processing

Perform Level 1 processing

## Geo-rectification

Precisely match image to earth coordinates

Enhance vegetation image to highlight burned areas (red)

## Assessment, Planning and Implementation

Classify burned areas into color coded burn severity, augmented with ground verification.

## Ground Verification



Plot deployment of rehabilitation resources to highest risk areas (red in overlay)

Apply best-practice to control things such as erosion, invasive species, etc.

Burned Area Reflectance Classification (BARC) map produced and used by Forestry Service to efficiently rehabilitate burned areas by allowing rehabilitation resources to be focused on the most badly burned areas.

## Burn Severity

- Unburned
- Low/Unburned
- Low
- Medium
- High

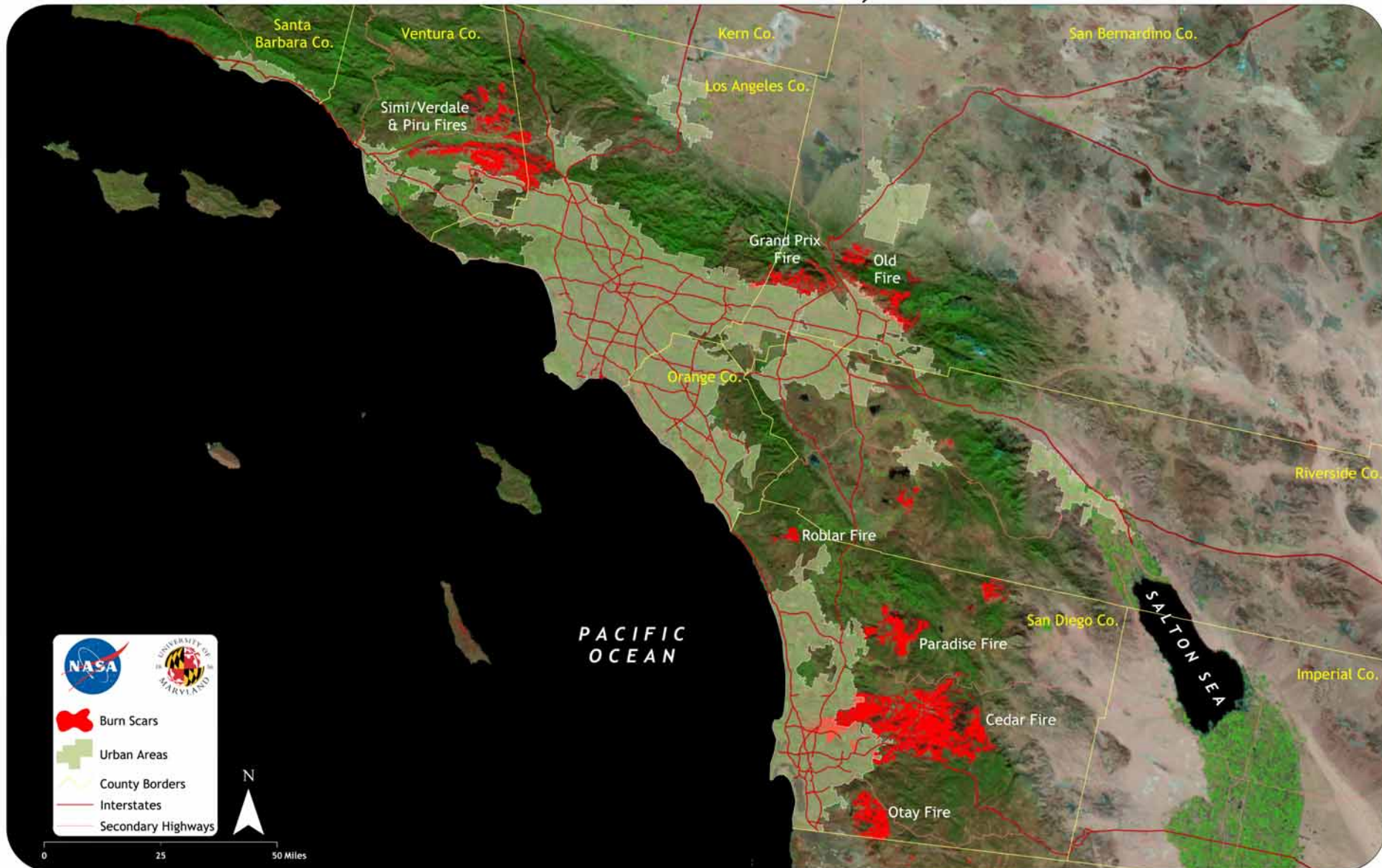
Glacier National Park

August 21, 2003



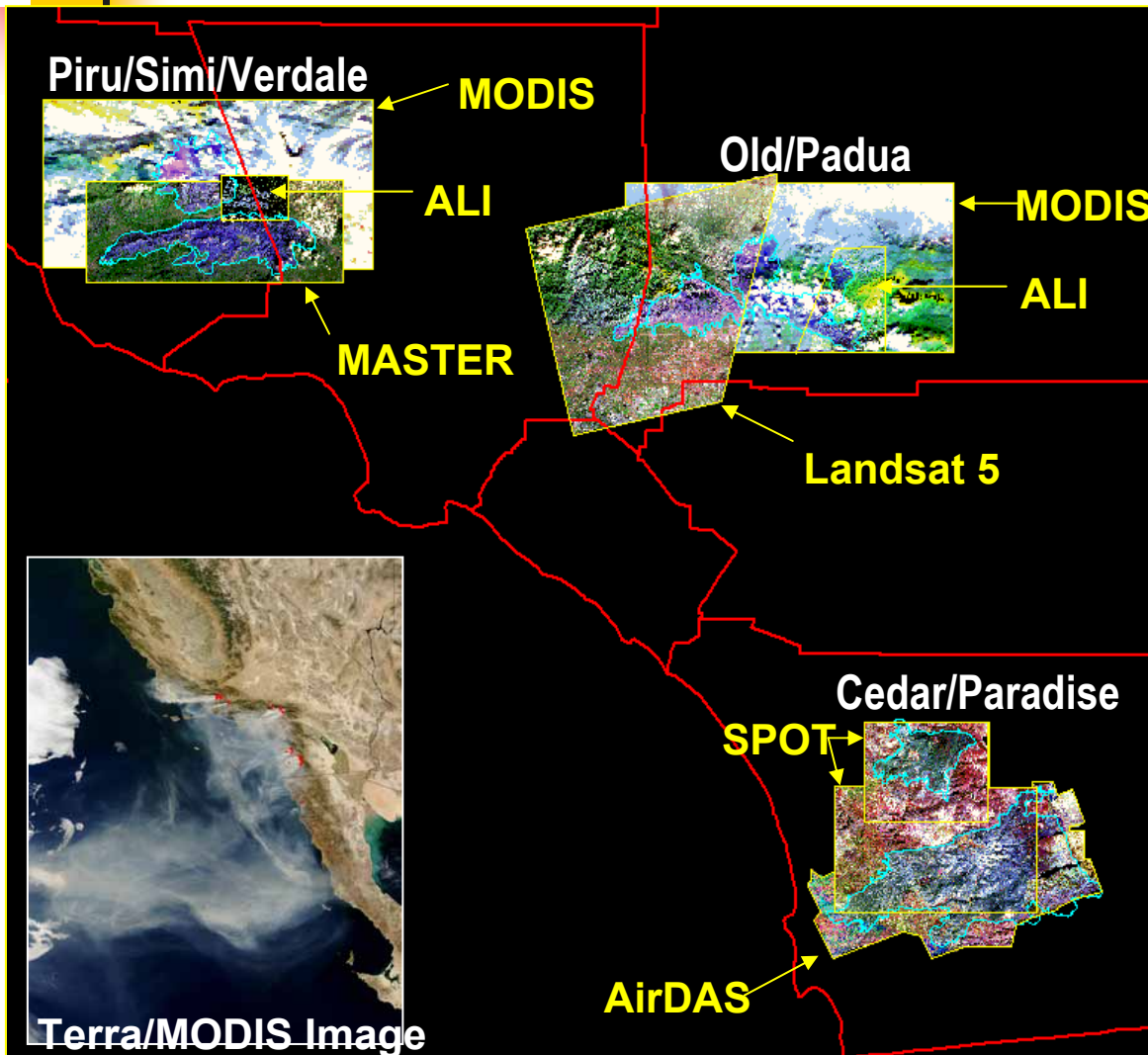
# Vegetative Cover Conversion

Burn Scars in Southern California, Winter 2003



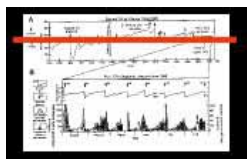
# (4) Integrating Observations from Multiple Sources:

## Southern California Wildfire Monitoring





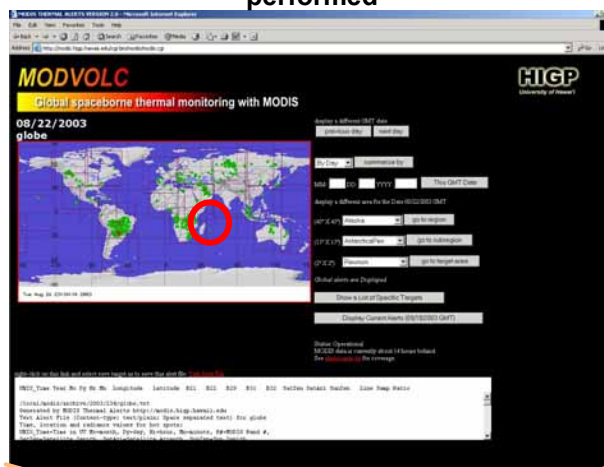
# SensorWeb Demonstration Scenario with Volcanoes



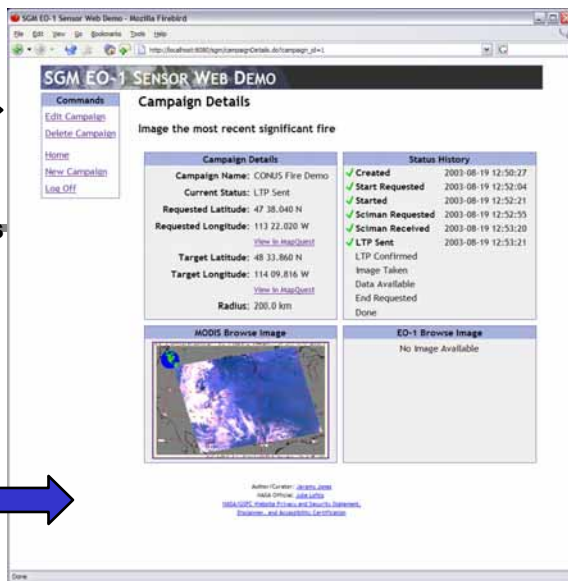
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Local ground networks monitor volcanoes (e.g tiltmeters, SO<sub>2</sub> in HVO,Hawaii)

Global hot spots tracked by MODIS(MODVOLC, Univ. of Hawaii) & volcano screening algorithms performed



MODIS instrument on Terra and Aqua and AVHRR on NOAA 8, 9 & 11 used to detect hot spots



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Load potential volcano onboard into CASPER targets for the next week



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- SGM monitors selected targets for volcanic activity
- SGM selects active targets up to 4 hours before overflight
- SGM resolves conflicting target choices based on near real-time GOES cloud cover data to make final picks



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EO-1 acquires image and runs thermal detection science algorithms onboard with CASPER



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Autonomous onboard thermal anomaly detection algorithm triggers repeat EO-1 image of same site at a later orbit (less than 8 hours)

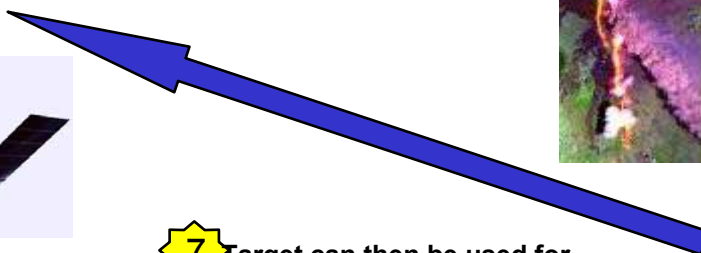
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Browse images generated onboard, downlinked via S-Band to ground station and then transmitted to Hawaii Volcano Observatory



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Target can then be used for other sensor web triggers such as UAVs



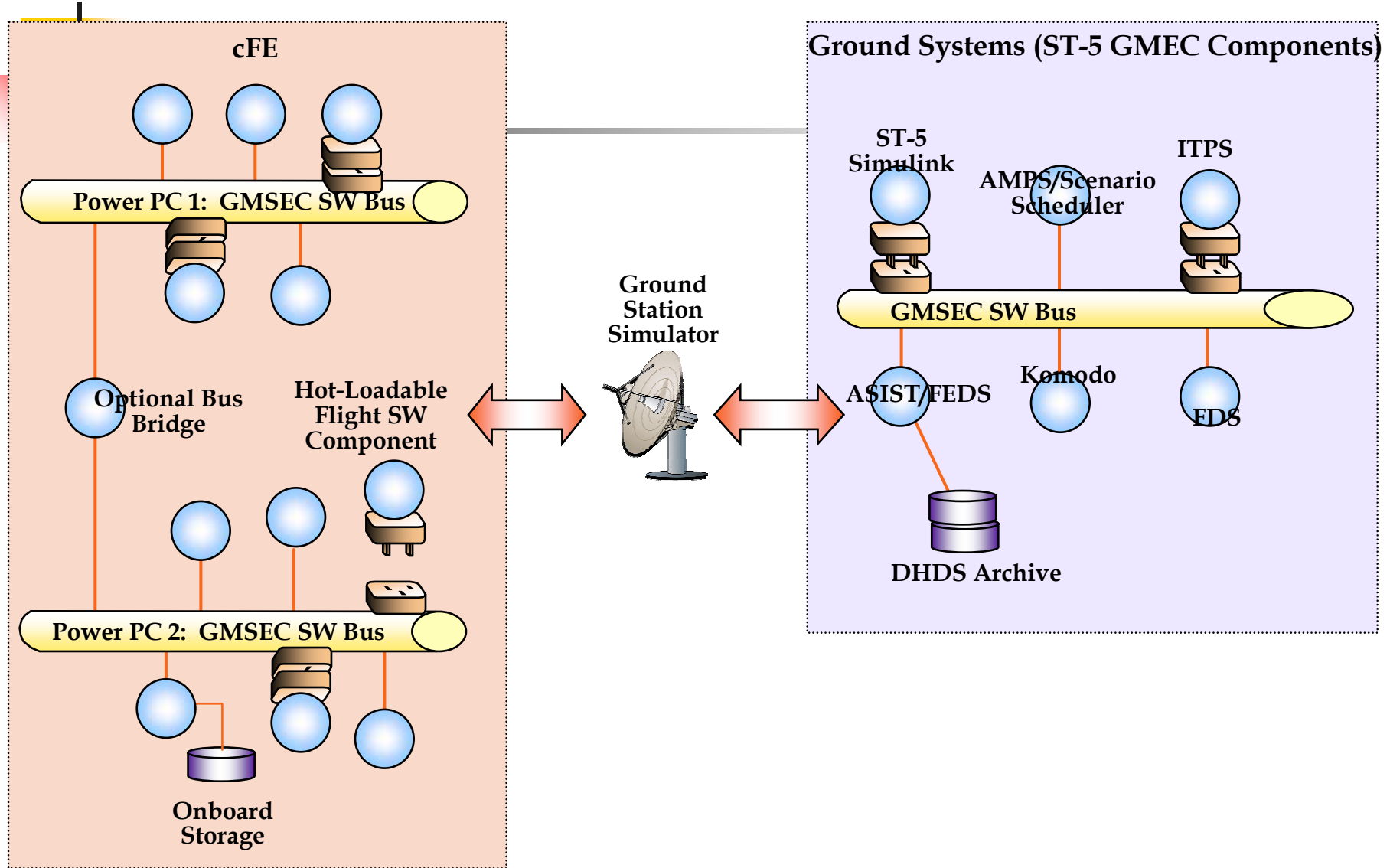


# Build Autonomy Testbed to Extend Concepts

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- cFE with software bus
  - Livingstone
  - ASE
  - Spacewire HW plug and play capability
- ST-5 GMSEC suite
- Ground Station simulator
- Demonstrate hardware plug and play

# Mission Autonomy Testbed







# Future

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- Experiments demonstrated that we can gain cost efficiency by designing future missions for reuse with different combinations of satellites
- Also demonstrated that by leveraging information technology, we can create new science products to capture transient science events
- Should build autonomy testbed to facilitate integration of more of this type of capability into future missions